

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

The Public Work Session was called to Order by Chairman Hartlaub at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge to the Flag and Invocation.

Chairman Hartlaub announced that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the start of this meeting to discuss some legal issues.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Hartlaub, Woerner, Williams, Parr and Gobrecht. Also present were Solicitor Linus Fenicle and Terry Myers and Mike Knouse from C. S. Davidson, Inc.

VISITORS: Visitors register attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved in a motion by Supervisor Williams and seconded by Supervisor Parr. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2010 were approved, as submitted, in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS: The Disbursements for the Month of August, 2010, from all Funds, were approved as listed in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Christine Gienski first wished to present a certificate of thanks to Keith Smith for the work he performed as a donation to the Rec Park. He donated the excavation and the flooring for the pavilion and also excavated for the volleyball courts and filled them with sand. Chris also thanked Melody Asper for the article she prepared for the newspaper concerning the ongoing activities at the Park. The 5K run is scheduled for this coming Saturday and there are about seventy people already registered.

ROUTINE WORK SESSION ITEMS: ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mike Knouse presented a written report of C. S. Davidson, Inc. dated August 17, 2010. Written copies were distributed to Supervisors and Staff (copy in Township files). Mike Knouse had no action items for consideration for this evening's meeting. Construction Projects --- Street Maintenance Program – 2010 Street Improvements – A brief update was given on the ongoing 2010 street maintenance projects. Work should be completed by the end of this month.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Fenicle reported that there are two properties in the Township that were to connect to the public sewer system as part of the Area 1 project and to this date have not been hooked up. In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board authorized the solicitor to begin appropriate legal action to be taken to require these hook-ups as per the Township's Mandatory Hook-up Ordinance. Solicitor Fenicle also reported that the two proposed ordinances have been advertised for adoption at the September 2, 2010 meeting. These are an amendment to the Ordinance for On-lot Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems and the Holding Tank Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was received.

REPORTS: The Chief of Police Report for July, 2010 was approved in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

The Treasurer's Report for July, 2010 was approved, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

The Code Enforcement Officer's Report for July, 2010, was accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

The Public Works Report for July, 2010 was accepted in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

The Pleasant Hill Fire Company and Ambulance Reports for July, 2010 were accepted in a motion by Supervisor Woerner and seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht. Motion carried.

The SEO Report for July, 2010 was approved and accepted in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

The Utilities Supervisor Report for July, 2010 was accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

The EMA Activity Report for July, 2010 was approved and accepted in a motion by Supervisor Woerner and seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Null reported that the settlement on the bond issue was finalized today for the refinancing of the building loan and the payoff of the 2004 sewer bonds.

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The Township has received a rebate of \$13,199.00 from the health insurance co-op. Manager Null received notification that FEMA will reimburse the Township \$21,583.28 for expenses related to the snow storms last February. A proposal has been received from Stambaugh-Ness to assist in the preparation for an audit of the Township funds at the end of 2010. The proposal will assist in developing, measuring and documenting the assets, debits, liabilities and credits of all funds. In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried, the Board accepted the proposal from Stambaugh-Ness "not to exceed" \$6,250.00. Manager Null provided a copy of a summary budget that indicated expenses are well within budget with 40% of the budgeted expenses being utilized.

OLD BUSINESS: (A) Supervisor Woerner indicated that the Board met with the Emergency Services Board and some recommendations concerning snow emergency routes in the Township will be forthcoming. (B) Supervisor Parr made a motion to discontinue health insurance coverage for the elected members of the Board of Supervisors effective at the end of the year 2010. Supervisor Hartlaub seconded the motion. Solicitor Fenicle explained that compensation under the Second Class Township Code, including benefits, requires that any decision made would not affect any members currently sitting on the Board. It would have to be made effective at the beginning of their next terms. No decision can be made that would affect supervisors in their current terms. Supervisor Williams has contacted Representative Ron Miller concerning this issue but has not received a reply as of this date. Supervisor Williams would like to discuss this insurance issue at a later time. Supervisor Parr then withdrew his previous motion.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adopted Resolution #2010-20. This resolution is in opposition to forced mergers and consolidations of local governments in Pennsylvania. At the request of PSATS, the resolution will urge the General Assembly to oppose the bill to weaken the responsiveness and effectiveness of local government. Chuck Dorn asked why the Board would oppose this consolidation and the members of the Board explained that they believe local government is best for all residents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Mike Hampton announced that he received information from the Pa Cooperative Extension that they will be spraying for West Nile virus in the Township on the 19th of this month. Several mosquitoes have tested positive for this virus and they will be ground spraying in the area. Glenn Price of 1747 Baltimore Pike reported that the abandoned cars behind his residence are the same ones that were in violation in 2008. He understands that three enforcement notices were sent out and two of the three are trying to comply.

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According to Manager Null, this business has received the enforcement notice and they have sixty days to comply. Randy Baer of Hemler Drive asked if the owners of the property behind the Turkey Hill have been notified about mowing the grass. Manager Null will check on this. Sterling Mummert of Lakeview Terrace asked if someone could check on the junk and weed violations at 108 Valley View Drive. He believes there are children living there and this should be inspected for the children's sake. James Steckel, 41 Tammy Court, asked the Board again to consider resurfacing Tammy Court. Manager Null and the Roadmaster are now checking the roads in preparation for the new budget for 2011. Dave Barber asked for verification as to the work being done by Stambaugh Ness. Manager Null explained that they are reviewing funds in preparation for the next township audit. Mr. Null will be recommending an independent audit of the books for the 2010 fiscal year.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Supervisors Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting - Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Smith
Secretary